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NOW YOU CAN

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CITY STATE ZIP

(Please print clearly)

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

"IN BATTLE JOINED!"

LET ALL WHO BEGIN THIS EPIC KNOW:

THE YOUNG MUTANT KNOWN AS CYCLOPS, LEADER OF THE MYSTERY-SHROUDED X-MEN, HAS ESCAPED FROM HIS CELL ON THE ISLAND FORTRESS OF MAGNETO--AND, HAVING DEFEATED QUICKSILVER IN PITCHED COMBAT*, SUDDENLY GAZES UPWARD, TO BEHOLD--

THE AVENGERS!!

LET'S JUST SAY IT AINT THE STRAWBERRY ALARM CLOCK!

LOOK! THERE'S CYCLOPS--STANDING OVER THE FALLEN PIETRO! BUT WHY--?

THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR YOU TO FIRE, HAWKEYE--

UNLESS THE YOUTH BEFORE US RESISTS!

*IT ALL TOOK PLACE IN THE ACTION-PACKED X-MEN#45--NOW ON SALE, MATCH! SO, BE SURE TO READ THAT MIND-BENDING MAG FIRST, HEAR?--STERN STAN.

TAKE IT FROM STAN LEE, EDITOR, ROY THOMAS, WRITER, AND JOHN BUSCEMA, ARTIST--THIS ONE'S GONNA FLIP YA!!
ARTIE SIMSK, LETTERER!
GEORGE TUSKA, INKER, AND
HAPPENED TO
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT

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Don Bolander, M.A., University of Chicago; B.S., Northwestern University; Director of Career Institute; authority on adult education

If you've ever been shamed by a mistake in English, maybe I can save you from years of disappointment.

I have met countless numbers of intelligent men and women who are being held back in their jobs and social lives, often without knowing it, because they cannot express themselves fully and easily.

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Question: *Wouldn't I have to go back to school for a command of good English?*

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--THOUGH NOT PRECISELY THE KIND HE HAD IN MIND!

IT'S--
A GUY--
WITH WINGS--
FLYING!

AND, HE'S
MOVIN'
LIKE A
ROCKET!

THEN, AS SUDDENLY AS IT APPEARED, THE AMAZING APPARITION VANISHES...

THAT SHOOK ME UP SO BAD I PANICKED AND OPENED MY CHUTE!

I'VE HEARD OF RAPTURE OF THE DEPTHS-- BUT NOT OF THE HEIGHTS!

MAN, IS THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD GONNA HEAR ABOUT THIS.

BUT, SINCE THIS MAG ISN'T CALLED SEYMOUR THE SKY-DIVER, WHAT SAY WE CHANGE OUR POINT OF VIEW A BIT...



TRIED TO AVOID BEING SEEN-- BY FLYING AS HIGH AS I DARED!

IF MAGNETO LEARNS I'M GOING TO THE AVENGERS FOR HELP--

NO, IT'S TOO HORRIBLE TO CONSIDER!

YET, EVEN AS THE BIRD-LIKE X-MAN LANDS ATOP A CERTAIN WELL-KNOWN MANSION...



LISTEN, HAWKEYE!

THAT ALARM'S COMING FROM THE VEHICLE CENTER!

WE'VE GOT TO--

YOU MEAN YOU'VE GOT TO, MAN-MOUNTAIN!

IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER A YOUR BUDDIES --LIKE THE GRIM REAPER!

...RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF 17 LIVES!

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR--!

AND, AS GOLIATH STOPS BY THE MODERNLY-EQUIPPED GYM...

LET'S GO, T'CHALLA--IF YOUR ARM'S FEELING UP TO PAR AGAIN!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FIRST DUTY AS A FULL-FLEDGED AVENGER WILL BE TO HELP STOP A MOUSEBREAKING!

STILL, I'M BETTING IT'S NO COMMON SECOND-STORY MAN WE'VE TRAPPED!

ALL SORENESS FROM MY SLIGHT WOUND IS GONE, MY FRIEND!

LEAD THE WAY! THE PANTHER FOLLOWS!

SECONDS LATER, AS A METAL WALL PANEL SLIDES BACK, IT REVEALS--

HOLY MANNAH! WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT!

IT'S ONE OF THE X-MEN--
THE ANGEL!

OKAY--SO AS A BURGLAR, I MAKE A GOOD ELEPHANT!

NOW TURN OFF THESE BLASTED BEAMS--THEY'RE SINGING MY WINGS!

YOU'VE GOT IT, SON!

NOW, WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

FOR THE MOMENT, WE'LL ASSUME THAT YOU WERE JUST IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO KNOCK--AND THAT YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO SNEAK UP ON US...

ALWAYS--EVERYWHERE THE X-MEN GO--THE SAME MADDENING DISTRICT OF MUTANTS!

SOMETIMES I THINK QUICKSILVER HAD THE RIGHT IDEA--

--WHEN HE SIGNED BACK UP WITH MAGNETO!

QUICKSILVER? MAGNETO? THOSE ARE TWO FOR WHOM WE'RE SEARCHING.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

DO I KNOW WHERE--?

MISTER, I'M NOT SURE WHO YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THAT HALLOWEEN ZOOT-SUIT--

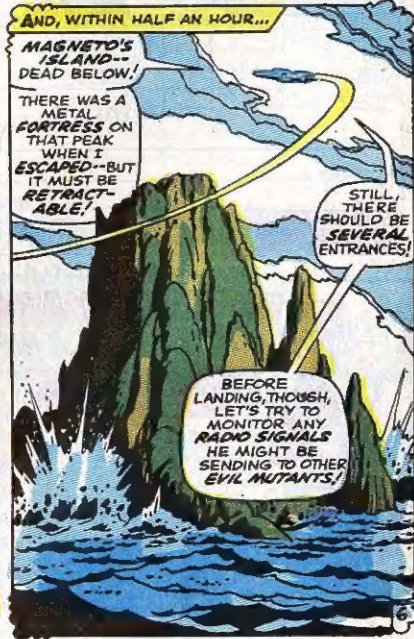
BUT, IF YOU WANT SOMEBODY TO LEAD YOU TO MAGNETO AND HIS CREW--I'M YOUR BOY!

AND, THAT CREW STILL INCLUDES WANDA AND PIETRO!

YOU JUST MADE YOURSELF A DEAL! BUT HOW--?

I'LL EXPLAIN WHILE WE'RE WINGIN' ABOVE THE ATLANTIC, GOLIATH!

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—J. R., Brooklyn, N. Y.
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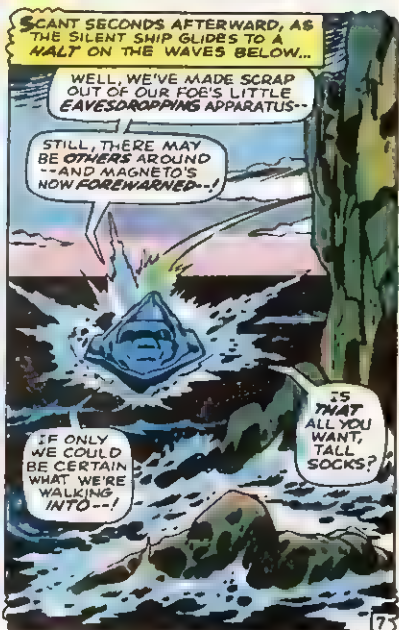
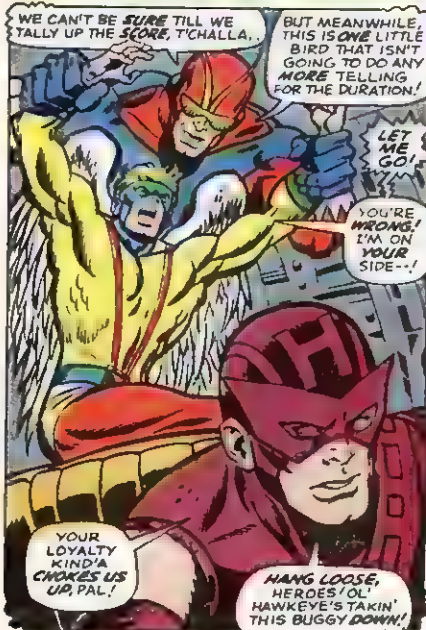
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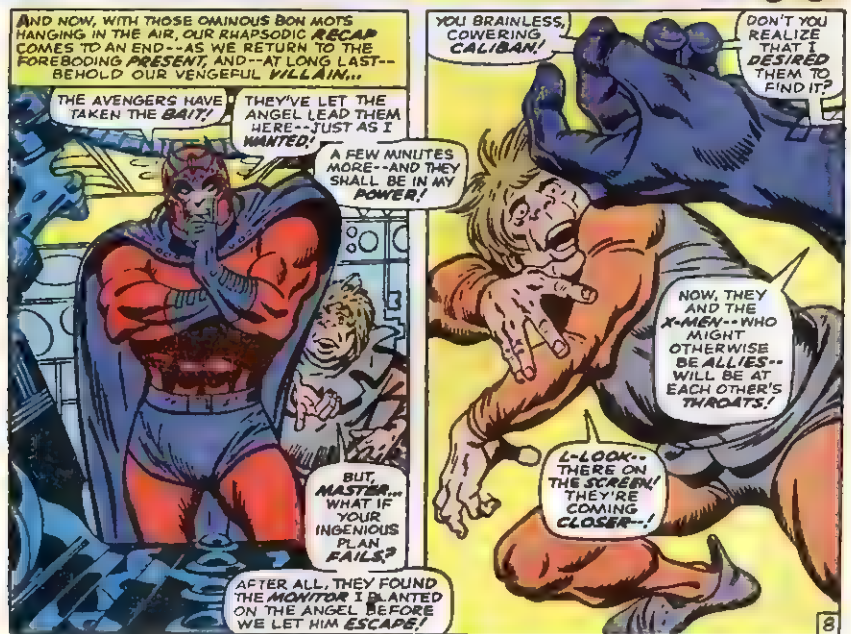
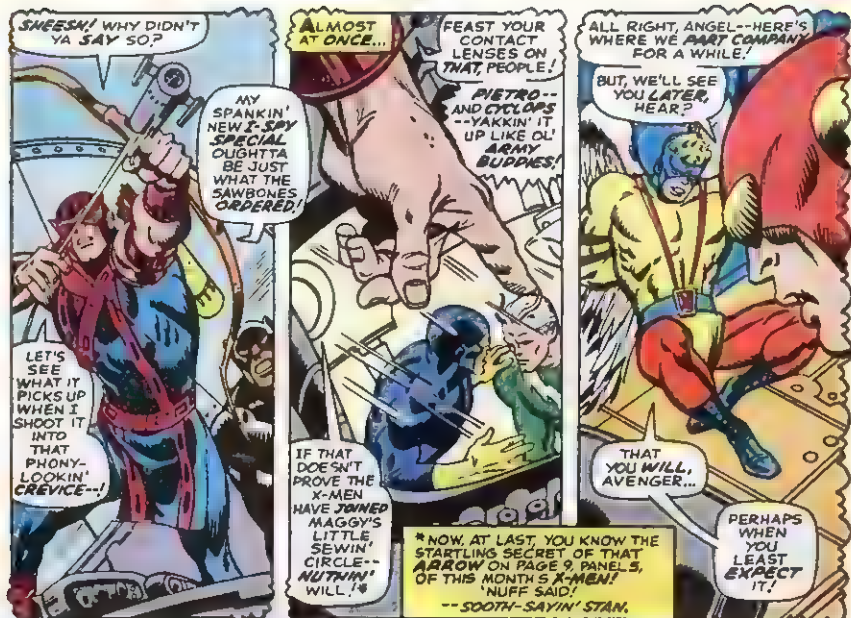
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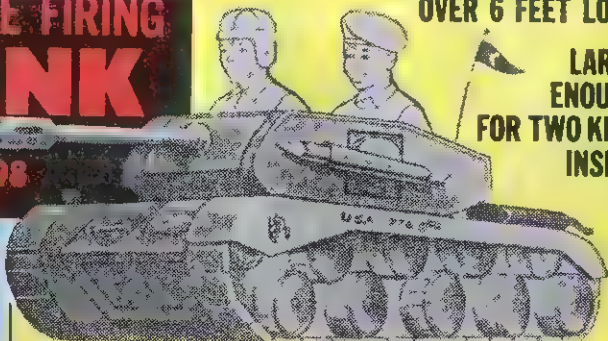
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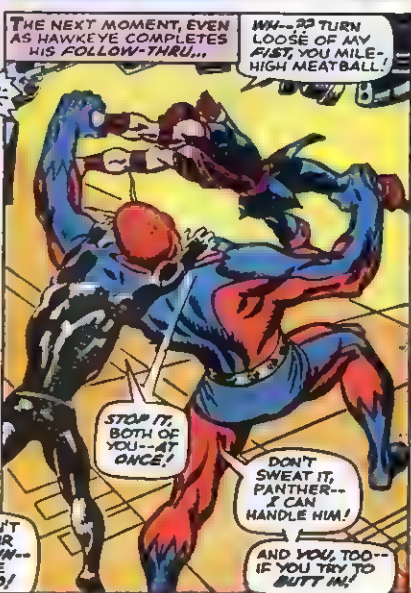
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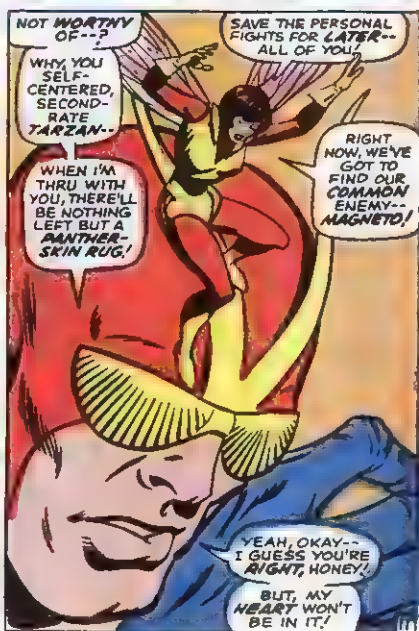


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AND, AT THAT PRECISE INSTANT, ON ANOTHER LEVEL...



THAT IS
WHAT I
WANTED
TO
HEAR!

THE AVENGERS
ARE DIS-
GRUNTLED--
AT ODDS WITH
EACH OTHER!

THUS, NOW
IS THE
TIME FOR
MAGNETO
TO STRIKE!

THE SCARLET WITCH--
WHO HAS GONE LOOKING
FOR HER USELESS BROTHER
--THINKS THAT I WISH
ONLY TO CAPTURE HER
FORMER FELLOW
AVENGERS!

WHEN, IN
REALITY, I
LURED THEM
HERE--TO
DESTROY
THEM!

AND THE
INCREDIBLE
INSTRUMENT
OF MY
REVENGE
SHALL BE...

THE
X-MEN!!



YOU WILL HAVE THE X-MEN
KILL THE AVENGERS? A PLAN
AFTER MY OWN HEART, MASTER!

BUT HOW
WILL YOU
DO IT,
MASTER?
NOW?

I DID NOT
EXPECT YOU
TO COMPREHEND,
FOOL!

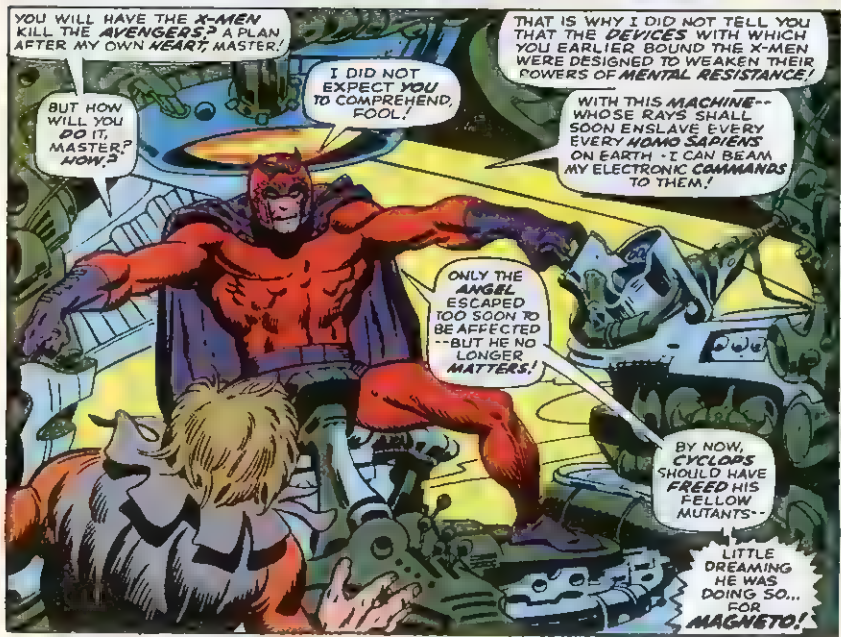
THAT IS WHY I DID NOT TELL YOU
THAT THE DEVICES WITH WHICH
YOU EARLIER BOUND THE X-MEN
WERE DESIGNED TO WEAKEN THEIR
POWERS OF MENTAL RESISTANCE!

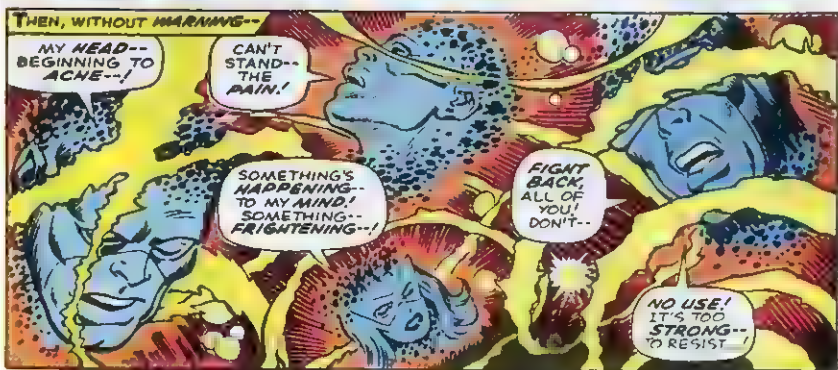
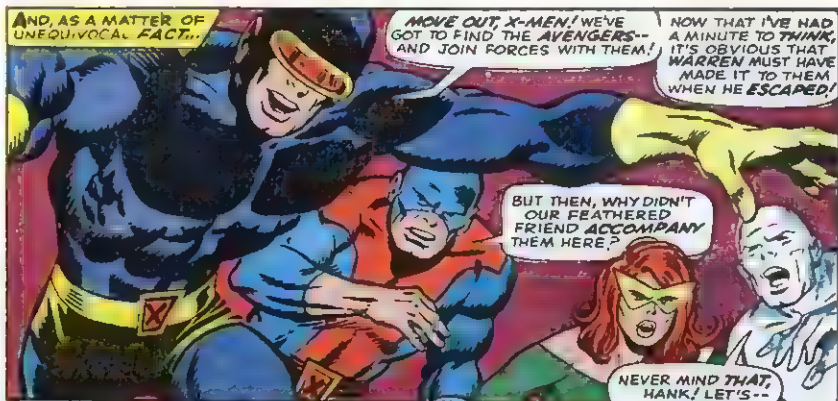
WITH THIS MACHINE--
WHOSE RAYS SHALL
SOON ENSLAVE EVERY
EVERY HOMO SAPIENS
ON EARTH - I CAN BEAM
MY ELECTRONIC COMMANDS
TO THEM!

ONLY THE
ANGEL
ESCAPED
TOO SOON TO
BE AFFECTED
--BUT HE NO
LONGER
MATTERS!

BY NOW,
CYCLOPS
SHOULD HAVE
FREED HIS
FELLOW
MUTANTS--

LITTLE
DREAMING
HE WAS
DOING SO...
FOR
MAGNETO!





MOMENTS LATER, HAVING BOUND THE UNCONSCIOUS QUICKSILVER UNTIL HIS LOYALTIES ARE MADE CLEAR--ENTER OUR AWESOME ASSEMBLERS, ONLY TO BE GREETED BY A STARTLINGLY STRIDENT CRY--

KILL THEM!
KILL THE
AVENGERS!

WITH THE
MOST
PALPITATING
PLEASURE,
DEPUTY
LEADER!

WELL, THAT SETTLES THE MATTER
OF WHETHER OR NOT THE X-MEN
HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH
MAGNETO!

PERHAPS,
HANK...

YET, THERE
IS SOME-
THING
UNNATURAL
HERE!

I CAN
SENSE IT!

WHILE YOU'RE SENSIN',
CHUM, THE REST OF US
BETTER BE FIGHTIN'!

THIS AINT
GONNA BE A
TAFFY
FULL!

PANTHER
--WATCH
OUT!

THE BEAST
IS READY
TO LEAP--!

THE BEAUTEIOUS WASP HAS EXTREMELY
PERCEPTIVE EYESIGHT!

STILL, THAT
WILL SCARCELY
SUFFICE TO--
--MMFF!--

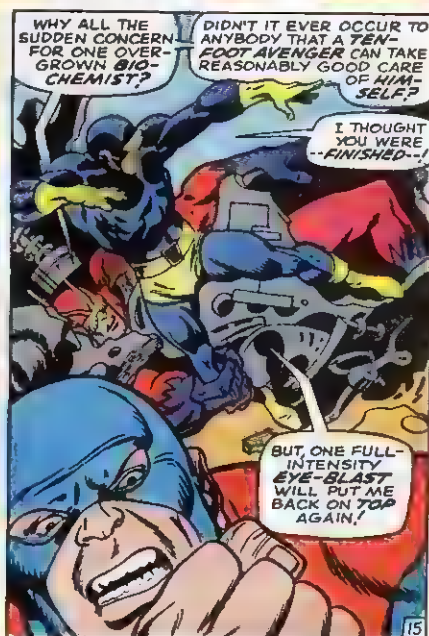
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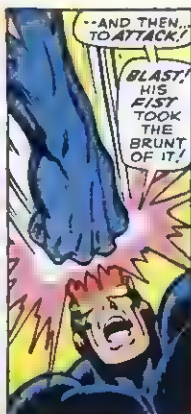
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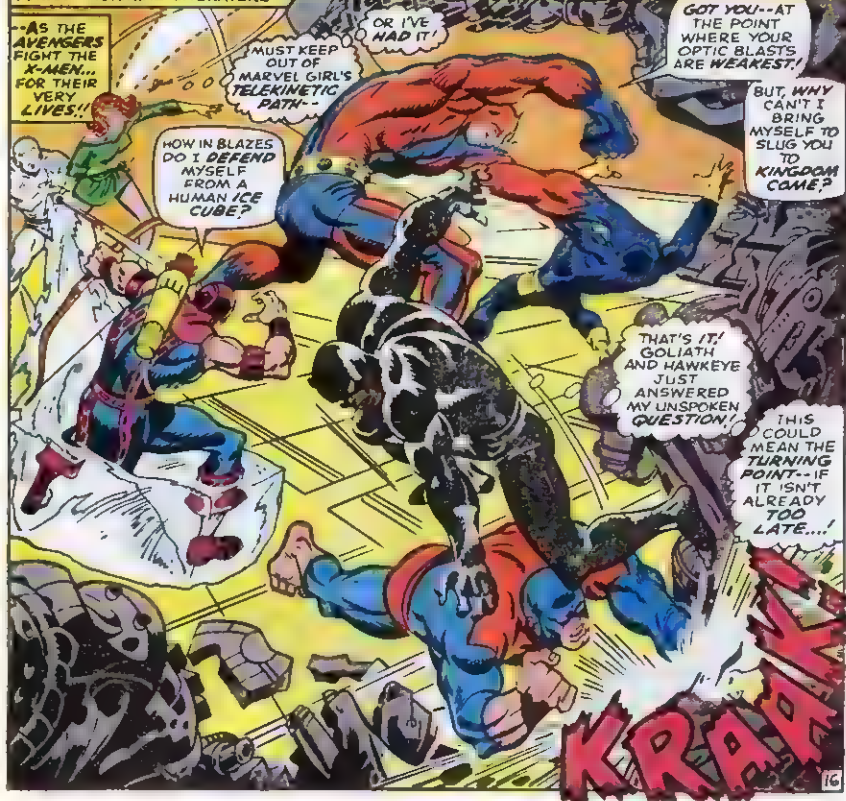
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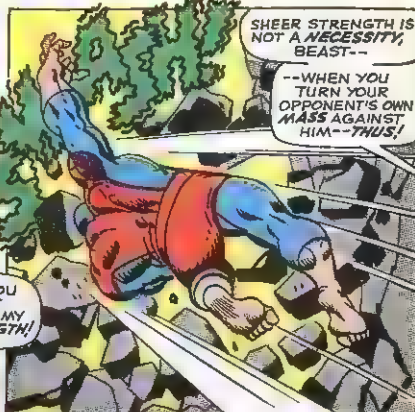


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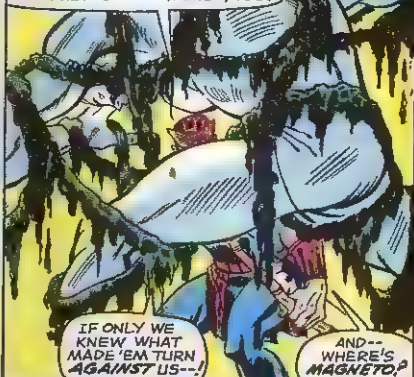
MY HEAD--YOU'RE **TIGHTENING** YOUR GRIP ON IT!

CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE --OR I'LL **BLACK OUT**--!

THIS HURTS ME--ALMOST AS MUCH AS YOU, SON!

BUT, I'M AFRAID YOU LEAVE ME--**NO CHOICE!**

I'VE GOT **COOL-HAND LUKE** TOO GUMMED UP TO ATTACK, TOO!



IF ONLY WE KNEW WHAT MADE 'EM TURN AGAINST US--!

AND-- WHERE'S **MAGNETO**?

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SOMEONE **CANCELLED** THE POWER OF MY **ELECTRONIC** COMMANDS--AT THE **CRUCIAL** MOMENT!

I MUST FIND OUT **WHO**--AND **CRUSH** HIM!



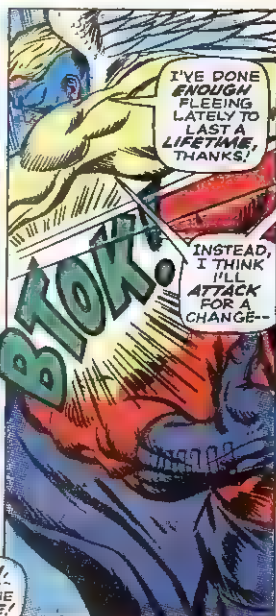
WH--? THE ANGEL!

BUT, THE AVENGERS LEFT YOU BOUND-- HELPLESS!

THEN, WE'LL SEE HOW YOU FAIR AGAINST MAGNETO!

FAR FROM HELPLESS --AS YOU JUST WITNESSED!

KILL HIM, MASTER-- BEFORE HE CAN FLEE!



I'VE DONE ENOUGH FLEEING LATELY TO LAST A LIFETIME, THANKS!

INSTEAD, I THINK I'LL ATTACK FOR A CHANGE--



AND, JUST SO YOU DON'T START FEELING NEGLECTED, TOADY--!

NO--NO! AIEEE!



BUT, THE YOUNG MUTANT POSSESSES NOT THE SHEER POWER TO STAGGER MAGNETO FOR LONG--AND, AS HE RISES--

I JUST KNOW YOU'RE DYING FOR AN EXPLANATION TO ALL THIS, MAGGY!

SO MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T TELL YOU WE GUESSED THE BUG ON ANGEL WAS A PLANT--

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THEN, THE TINY WASP WHISPERED OUR PLAN INTO HIS EAR--AND TOLD HIM TO FOLLOW US!

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VERY APOID OF YOURSELVES, AREN'T YOU, MY FRIENDS!

BUT, YOU MADE YOUR FATAL MISTAKE WHEN YOU BROACHED MAGNETO IN HIS LAIR--

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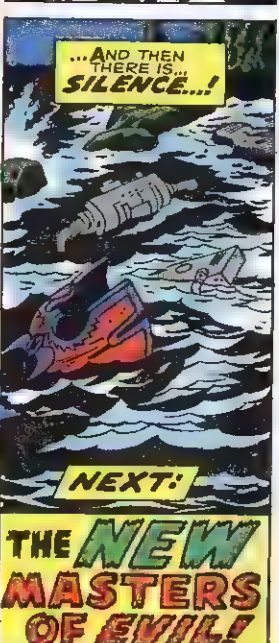
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THE SECOND GOLDEN AGE OF MARVEL IS HERE!

(And You Didn't Even Bake A Cake!)

ITEM! To give you an idea how far in advance we have to write these pages, it's the day after Christmas 1967, at this very moment as we write these lines... but you... probably be reading this sometime in April, 1968! And you wonder why we have trouble remembering things! Anyway, onward —

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ITEM! One of our greatest new mags is such a howlin' success that we're gonna print it every two months from now on in a king-sized 25¢ edition! The first of these new special-size editions goes on sale next month — but, if, then, see if you can guess which title it is! ALSO — we're introducing a second 25¢ center next month but it'll be a brand new title! (A favorite superhero guest star of yours, but he's never had his own mag before!) There, that'll give you something to think about while you're counting your no-prizes

ITEM! We're just throwing this little tidbit in for kicks. Didja know that MILLIE THE MODEL the mag we always kid about and poke fun at has become one of the best-selling titles on our world famous... it's a fact! The only explanation on we can think of is that there must be more frantic ones than we ever suspected who like nutty stories about a gorgeous blonde model featuring the corniest gags o' Smiley can write! And how about the RAWHIDE KID? We had almost forgotten that we still publish our last remaining wild n' wooly Western until we saw Merry Marty Goodman reading the sales reports with a big grin, and we realized that every "They went thataway" fan in the world must be buying a copy! So, thanks to all you literature-lovers for proving once again that the more we know, the less we know!

ITEM! And now, the BIG one! The announcement you've been waiting for! Our precedent-shattering 35¢ SPIDER-MAN Spectacular is now on sale! It features the longest single superhero thriller ever published in a comic mag — an actual FIFTY-TWO PAGE mystery action epic! PLUS a feature-length ORIGIN of SPIDER-MAN, completely rewritten and redrawn for this landmark issue! Every wondrous word is drawn on the enchanted pen of our light-hearted leader, Stan the Man — while jazzy Johnny Romita Jr. camouflaged the 52-page's artwork, aided by our newest Bu-pen great — Jim (Madman) Mooney! As for the Origin of Spider, wait'll you see how Larupin' Larry Lieber breathed new life into that now-classic chronicle. But, the best

part of it is the mag itself. Although in comic-book format it ISN'T a comic book! It's a real, glitzy, state-of-the-art, slick-paper publication! You'll have to look for it amongst the so-called "better" magazines at your newsstand — and we promise you this — it'll be worth the trouble! And now, a word of advice — after you've bought it, don't trade it, lend it, or lose it! It's destined to become a highly prized collectors' item the minute it's all sold out — which it'll be most any second now! So don't just stand there, pilgrim — GET IT! You know how we hate to see a grown man cry!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Now that the news is out about our jumbo-sized Spidey mag, everybody's been asking what'll happen to our web-slingers' regular 12¢ bestseller! The answer is — nothing! It's still being published each and every month, the same as always. The new 35¢ thriller is an ADDITIONAL mag, not a replacement! And, while we're on the subject, I've gotta tell you this: There have been very few individual mags which I've personally recommended to you — (mostly because I think they're ALL kinda good) — but this time I'm going way out on a limb. If you buy no other Marvel mag this month, I urge you to latch onto the new SPIDER-MAN Spectacular! It's far more than just another gimmick — it represents an entirely new concept in superhero presentation! It represents possibly Marvel's finest achievement to date — and it contains a mind-boggling hint of things yet to come! This month will go down in history as the month of another new Marvel milestone — and you'll be a part of it! But now, it's time to cut out — before you think we're trying to sell you something! Pax et justitia! —Smiley.

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Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

I just got your newest layout of magazines, and they're a gas. Even though we don't see any new faces, more of the old ones is just as good. AVENGERS #50 deserves special comment. As a bi-centennial issue of sorts, it lived up to expectations. Buscema and Thomas have really hit their stride as a team — and I assume the Smiling One had a hand in. John Buscema has developed a wonderfully individualistic style (so have Adkins, Steranko, and the Severins, for that matter) which will develop best for a while if he continues to do his own inking. The great improvement of #49 over #47 demonstrates this point persuasively. Don't lose Tuska, though. Hopefully, you have him stashed away working on Forbush-Man or your new mag, Colonel Raging and his Norwegian Hussars, to complete the Raging Savage Fury group, or perhaps Irv will star as Corporal Blind and his Kitchen Police. As I was saying about the Avengers, the art was great. The turmoil and change of lineups may as well go on forever, since you have already broken up the static situation of yesteryear. Professor Thomas' stories get a plus rating. Particularly page 4, on which Zeus describes Hercules as a beardless youth, was a typical Marvel masterstroke, harkening back to days of yore. This kind of closely-knit action and feeling of historicity is what has linked your comics into one another until they have formed the Marvel World! Be cool.

Paul Sanford, Occidental College, 1443 Ave. 49
Los Angeles, Cal. 90042

You think that's hard on a drizzly January night when we're writing these positively perishable lines, Paul? Anyway, as you doubtless know by now, Big John Buscema is too busy drawing both THE AVENGERS and SUB-MARINER to ink his own stories these days. But, we've got a back-up team of some of the best inkers in the business just waiting for a chance to slide a penpoint over Mr. B's pulsatin' pencil! And, by the way, the Rascally One says thanks for the promotion to professor — though actually he was just starting to work on his master's degree when the summons from mighty Marvel came, and the call was just too strong to resist! (He keeps swearing he's going to go back to night school one of these days to earn that M.A., at least — but of Stan just keeps washing his mouth out with soap every time he mentions it! After all, he says Roy's the only one who knows who the current Avengers are — and if that doesn't make him indispensable, we don't know what does!)

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

Don't you dare add any members to the Avengers, as they now are perfect. I was glad to see Cap go, happier to see the mutants leave, and enjoyed when Hercules left. It's not that I didn't like them. The Avengers had enough members to start a colony. Hawkeye, Hank, and Jan are just right for this group. An immortal just doesn't fit into a group of mortals. Quicksilver was always complaining, and Wanda's power was too unlike the others, and it wouldn't be fair to the others to bring back Cap because he's already in his own mag. You made a wise decision by getting rid of the other members. Don't knock it by bringing any of them back, or by adding any new members.

Ralph Duby, Jr., 4184 Hubbard
Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146

Frankly, Ralph buddy, we don't get too many letters like yours, asking us to keep the Avengers membership at three — or just two, if you count Goliath and the Wasp as a unit, which they are. But we printed it just to show anybody who's interested in someday becoming

ing a comics editor how inescapably impossible it is to please all of you faithful ones all of the time. We hope you're still with us, Mr. D., now that the peerless Panther has been added to the ranks of our ever-assembling superheroes, 'cause we've kind'a got a hunch that any attempt to take him out at this stage might lead to Fabulous Flo, our secretary, getting buried under more mail than we've gotten since Thor, Iron Man, and Giant-Man left the group. In those many moons ago! And we sure wouldn't want that — the sedulous Miss Steinberg can't swim!

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

I owe you an apology. Before my Grand Renaissance introduction to Mighty Marvel, thanks to an I.D.R. (insanely devout reader), I always thought of your Fab-Mag as a Rag-Mag. Now that I've seen the light (all 1,000,000,000½ watts), I'm forever astonished that I'd never thought of reading a Mighty Marvel Masterpiece before. To continue, I'm very impressed with your 100-proof, action-packed magazine. BUT!! Your AVENGERS #48 is the greatest work of art, writing, and imagination I believe to have ever come out of the Bullpen, let alone from any of your "worthy" competitors! Forgetting the usual luxurious lettering, unbeatable plot, or superb artwork, AVENGERS #48 still had more admirable ensign, colonel, and maybe even captain qualities than ever before witnessed in the history of Marveldom. The most apparent of these being the return of the Black Knight! It was a stroke of sheer genius, another of the many examples of Mighty Magnificent Marvel's ever-winning team! Don't change your unbeatable style, and by the "Wrath of Odin" (wrong mag), FACE FRONT!!!

Peter Levy, 14 Edgewood Blvd.
Cranston, R. I. 02905

We always try to, Pete! After all, you never can tell when a defector from our capricious competitors may come wandering into the literary luminescence that is Marvel! (Sheesh! Sorry we got kind'a carried away there, new-found believer, but you know how we rejoice over a convert to the majestic mish-mash that is Marvel! In other words, we're probably the biggest bunch'a cornballs this side of Hamlet's pal Polonius! 'Nuff said?)

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

What is this, what can it be?
What is this, this thing I see
That beckons like a welcoming light,
Bringing hope, a wondrous sight?
Hope that the battle will soon be won,
That Marvel will be number one.
What is this, what can it be?
Why, 'tis the work of Big John B.I.
Mr. Buscema, with grace and style,
Shall lead AVENGERS down winner's aisle.
Though not a Bullpener for very long,
He helps to make good Marvel strong.
Brand Echh may have the numbers and might,
But Marvel shall win — Marvel is right.
Or as Stan, in his eloquent way,
Once did smile and aptly say,
"Hang loose, Marvelite — victory's still in sight!"

Thomas Miller, 483 Wilton Dr.
Baton Rouge, La. 70815

On reading all your comments free,
Two Bullpen hearts were filled with glee!
But one soul didn't jump for joy:
For where's a crumb for Rascally Roy?

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than ONE PAGE! Have mercy, mellow ones!

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

AVENGERS #50 was great! Especially everything! But why is it that Jan is always changing her costume? Oh well, she's rich enough now to dress in money. Anyway, having Hercules go back to Olympia and vanquish al' Typhon was a stroke of genius. But the real reason I'm writing is to complain about some of the people who write letters to the Avengers — and you print them! It's unbelievable because it seems that you print all the complaining letters. Now I know you get admiring letters sometimes. One said that \$1.75 was too expensive for a 12-issue subscription. If you ask me, you ought to raise it. Marvels are the best there is. And another thing is that if someone feels resentful toward a mag, let's just see if he can do any better. Boy, the nerve of some of these guys. They insult you, bowl you out, and then say, "By the way, issue so-and-so was great." Well I've said my piece, but please get serious about some of these insulting letters. 'Nuff said!

Blair Benham, 6621 Hillcrest
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73116

We are serious, Blair, in our own little way! Frankly, we feel that any person who plunks down his twelve coppers for a Marvel mag has a perfect right to say anything he wants about them. We just hope that he says it to us, so that we can weigh it against the hundreds of other letters we receive each week about the same ish! Sure, we have a habit of printing quite a few complaints, but that's just so that then every other rapturous reader can have his say about the same topic and know what his fellow frantic ones think. Okay? (Oh, and as for the \$1.75 subscriptions: we honestly wish we could lower the rates, but according to our brain-bustin' bookkeeping department, we actually lose a little money on our subs, as we've said before, and only maintain 'em as a service to those who have trouble getting the comics otherwise. Our biggest buddy — and yours — is still the corner newsdealer who displays Marvels prominently alongside other, higher-priced mags. We appreciate him . . . and we hope you do, too!)

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

You frantic ones have really come up with something — what, I don't know — but you certainly have come up with it! I'm speaking of AVENGERS #48. What's the matter with you? Have you suddenly lost what little sense you had? Don't you trust the rest of the Avengers to save Wanda and Pietro by themselves now that Cap blew the scene? Shame on you! You must be either insane or zonked out or both. Imagine, throwing in that refugee from the Middle Ages to help out the Avengers (as if they needed any help)! I mean, you just can't let some nut playing King Arthur loose on Marveldom, much less one with a flying horse! What's gonna happen during molting season? And what if that winged wonder starts thinkin' like a pigeon? You'll have the City Sanitation Dept. after you, not to mention some very angry pedestrians. Look, I've got a horse and . . . Anyway, though you are plagued by all these faults, you still write the most MARVELOUS mag this side of the milky way!

Sharon Burke, RFO, 6210 Amberwood Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78242

Speaking of milky ways, pussycat, the whole batty bullpen just got an irresistible urge for one — or for any other kind of candy bar, for that matter! Anything to drown the sorrow that we feel at hearing that you don't dig our medieval marvel — or, to be more exact, his pinioned pony! And right after we'd given him a classy-sounding name like Aragorn, too! Still, you've given us about a zillion plot ideas for the next appearance of Blacky and his swingin' steed — if we ever get the nerve to use any of 'em!

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

John Buscema is getting better and better. All he needed was a regular strip, and once you gave him one, he really showed his talent. And he has a great talent for costume-designing. The Wasp is going to be voted the best-dressed super-heroine if this keeps up! The story itself was good, but there are too many sub-plots. We want to see the Avengers as a team, but now one of them is by his lonesome, two have turned against the remaining three, and Cap has quit. Yeesh! There's gonna be no one left! Oh, well! Forbush-Man could join. Last time I wrote, I suggested that the Avengers have ten members, but after seeing the Black Knight, I've changed my mind. Make it eleven. After all, there's always room for one more! Tony Isabella, 11203 Peony Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Not in the Avengers, friend Tony — at least, not any more! Frankly, we decided that some of our armchair critics were right when they said that recently we had too many regular every-ish members, so from now on we hope to hold to a steady number of four or five, with guest shots every now and then by such stalwarts as Captain America, Thor, Iron Man, and maybe even Hercules and the incredible Hulk! (We said five above because, just for one last fling, we may add one more regular member just when you least expect it — and just whom you least expect — but otherwise we hope to keep our Avengers lineup the same until heck freezes over, or until Marveldom Assembled demands it! — Whichever comes first!)

Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

AVENGERS #48 and #49 weren't too bad except for one thing — Hercules. I don't like the way you give him his own little adventure while the rest of the Avengers are battling someone completely different. If you must have him in the Avengers, at least he can fight with them. Now on to more important matters. Perhaps the most important matter. Why in the world did you have Captain America quit? When I saw this I felt like going back to Brand Echh. But I finally regained my senses and decided to give you another chance. I warn you — don't blow this one. The group needs a good leader, and Cap is the only one who can hold them together and make them a good fighting team. You saw what happened when they tried to stop Quicksilver and Magneto. They could do nothing! Just like Hawkeye said, "With him gone maybe there ain't any more Avengers, just three worn-out has-beens runnin' around in nutty costumes." I feel very strongly about the way Quicksilver acted at the U.N. After that show of anger, I don't think he is fit to be in the Avengers again, no matter what happens. I hate to chew you guys out so much — I really like you. But when you make such a big mistake as having Cap resign, you have to be told, no matter how much it hurts.

Kendall Sutton, 108 Briar Rd.
Mantford City, Ind. 47348

And it hurts, Ken — believe us, it hurts! But, to tell the untarnished truth, we expected a mountain of such letters when our star-spangled shield-slinger cut out to lead his own life, and of course we got 'em! We're hoping that the inclusion of the Panther has mollified you somewhat, and we repeat our earlier promise to bring back Cap from time to time — including most prominently in this summer's slam-bang Special! As for bringing back Pietro and Wanda, we imagine they're going to stay outcasts for a while, even though Quicksilver now realizes just how rashly he acted at the U.N.! But, you never can tell! After all, if there's one thing certain about merry Marvel, it's that Smilin' Stan's right hand never knows just what Rascally Roy's left hand is up to! Excelsior!

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